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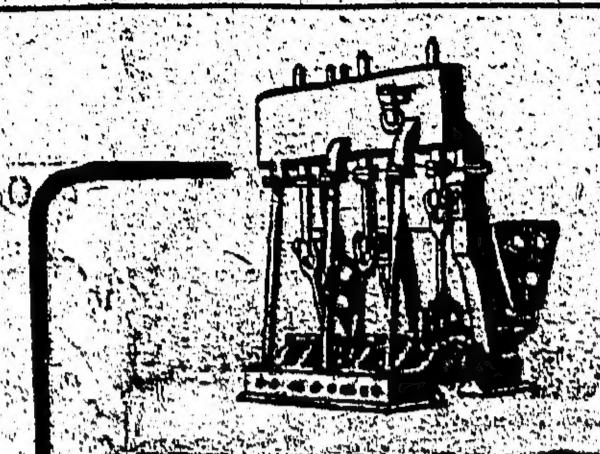
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THE WESTERN FRONT. BIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S REPORTS

TEN ENEXFY AEROPLANES

BEOUGHT DOWN. Landon, Dec. 20. 12.45 a.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Doughus Haig reports:-We drove off raiders to the south-

cast of Guemappe: The enemy raided two posts in the neighbourhood of Avion.

There was considerable hostile artillery activity at Ploegsteert Wood and Polygon Wood. GOOD WORK BY AVIATORS. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reporting on aviation, states :-

good work on Monday... Two of their pilots were attacked by many scouts, one of which was brought down and the remainder dispersed.

The Australian air squadrons did

Our aeroplanes, yesterday, dropped 150 bombs on milway amitions and trenches. There was entense fighting throughout the day, greatly to our favour. We brought down nine machines and drove down three Three of ours are missing.

Last night, we bombed St. Denis Westerem, Roulers and Lichtervelle perodromes and Thourout, Lederhein, Cambrei and Menin railway stations. All our machines returned

LONDON, Dec. 20. 12.30 p.m.

Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

at Passchendaele. .The Portuguese troops repulse ruiders, to the south-east of Laventi

NAVAL RIRCHAFT ACTIVITY.

LONDON, Dec. 20. The Admiralty announces that naval aircraft dropped large quanti ties of explosives on Brugeoise works at Bruges, on Tuesday night. Direct hits and a large fire were observed. They also bombed Vlisseghem herodrome, yesterday morning, securin direct hits.

We destroyed one machine and drove down another. One of ours is missing.

SNOW MAKES BIG OPERATIONS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE.

LONDON, Dec. 20 Reuter's Correspondent at Headquarters says that the deep and frozen snow is rendering transpor most difficult and big operations have become almost impossible, but activity and a good-deal of movement is progressing behind German lines, under suspicious comstances, based upon past expe epice, as the enemy has been using the Red Cross flag freely.

A recent spirited attack, to south of Polderhoek Chateau, only met with success owing to our men having used up all their available grenedes.

Referring to the much bruited reports of the arrival of a number of fresh enemy Divisions in Begium from the Eastern Front, the Correspondent arrives at the conclusion that at a liberal estimate, the trench strength of each of such Divisions does not exceed 8,500 infantrymen of

THE FRENCH PRONT.

Lornox, Dec. 19. A French communique states. The enemy actillery bomberded, JAPAR AND TLADIVOSTOCK during the hight, the front line, to the south of Juvincourt, argoone and

Pour-de-Paris: Our gunt effectively In the House of Commis

questions time, Lord Boyets total that are far as the de

grad, telegraphing yesterday, states that M. Trotzky has signed the order for releasing the Austrian and German prisoners of war, in the Borovitchy district of the Government of Novogored, from compulsory labour and placing them on a equality with free workmen, as

LONDON, Dec. 20.

The Government will receive their travelling passes.

regards wages, etc., with the option

of working on agriculture in liber-

M. Trotzky has instructed the Russian Delegation at Brestlitors to propose to the Austrians, Ger mans, Turks and Bulgarians that they should deal similarly with their civilian prisoners.

ADMIRALS ABOLISHED.

An order has been issued for the handing over of the administration of the Fleets to the Central Cominittees; abolishing Admirals and replacing the Staffs by elected organisations. The Central Commitfees will appoint Boards to direct Dava perations

GENERAL KALEDIN PROPOSES CESSATION OF CIVIL WAR.

LONDON. Dec. 20. Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd, telegraphing yesterday, states that the Evening Post Rostoff Cor-There was hostile artillery activity respondent, telegraphed on December 17 that the Don and Kuban Cossacks have finally occupied the town and the Maximalist infantry is joining the Cossacks, while the Red Guards have laid down their same and surrendered.

> General Kaledin has communicated with the Smolny Institute at Petrograd, which is the Boisbeyik Headquarters, proposing a cessation of the civil war. He stipulates that the Maximalists shall not interfere with the affairs of the Don Cossacks and insiste upon the immediate formation of a national government.

A dispatch from Kieff reports that a strong Maximalist force is march ing on Kieffa

AN ULTIMATUM TO UKRAINE.

PETROGRAD Dec. 17. The Peoples Commissioners, on behalf of the various Soviete, have issued a statement recognising the enemy is displaying considerable right of the Ukraine Republic to separate from Russis but demand ing that the Ukraine Bods or Parling ment shall cease moving troops towards Don. Ural and elsewhere, and shall cease disarming the Soviet Reden he Guarde. Failing a satisfactory reply within 48 hours the Rada will be considered to be in a state of war against the Soviets

RUSSIA AND HER FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS,

NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION OF REPUDIATION Loudon, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, Los Robert Cecil stated that he had a official information that Russia in repudiated her finencial obligations

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THE JAPANESE FLEET.

In the case of Shares on the London the Navy League, entertained representating raval battles, and much more objectives, the Japanese Navy transferred tives of the Allied Powers and of the trying to the men engaged in it. The their field of action to the West; and Oversea Dominions at luncheon at the services of the mine-sweepers, which to-day their ships were busily engaged honour of the British Fleet and the Fleets Mercantile Marine filled every Briton with were to be seen flying side by side. of the Allies."

The following telegram was sent to the

"Guests' assembled at Navy League

luncheon at Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly, in commemoration of the memory of Nelson and to do honour to the British Fleet and the Fleets of our Allies, humbly and sincerely congratulate your Majesty on the magnificent achievements of officers and men of the Navy since the beginning of the present conflict, .. CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1908 carnestly hope that our great cause be crowned by early victory.—Buccleuch.

The Chairman gave the toost of "His Majesty, our Sailor King." Then Lord Beresford said :- I have the honour NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a propose "The Clerious and Immortal Final General Meeting of the Manager of Nelson and his Compades." Memory of Nelson and his Comrades.

" Dear Duke of Buccleuch .- I greatly regret that I am unable to be present at Navy League luncheon in-comthe Company disposed of, laid before menioration of the Battle of Trafalgar. The effect of that great victory was to these circumstances the work of Great in other ways to need a sunash." keep the freedom of the sens for all nations of the world inviolate for more they had to reduce that German strong. | cies and a fire and the tradesman may ordinary Resolution, viz :- nations of the world involute that they had to reduce that German strong. Cles and a tire and the said than 100 years, and it is fitting that we hold and to eliminate for ever its menuce retire " is obsolete in these profiteeting. should meet together to calebrate that to the common security of the Allies in days .- "Evening Standard." Liquidator, he undertaking to destroy great day at a time when the merchant the Far East. The second was to sweep fleets of the whole world are assailed by off the face of the ocean the German ener les. I would ask every citizen of Klau-chou before Japan's declaration of the Empire to be ever mindful of the war, and to destroy their bases in the perils and privations which our sailors south islands of the Pacific Ocean. The are enduring, day and night, with silent, first part of the campaign was undertaken and unflinching determination. Under by the combined military forces of the God's guidance, the British Navy will two Allied Powers; the latter half was friumph over the cuming and subterfuge of our foes; and liberty will be assured.

> as speech, said that we were accustomed a war of gods and giants. What our Navy did for us in those days they all chew and the same work was being done for us by the Navy in the present still

it was only by the combination of both carried out chiefly by the Japanese Navy, remember sufficiently the silent work of Australian naval forces. pride. (Hear, hear.). Though the end was not yet in sight the dawn had already begun to appear in the Eastern sky.

JAPANENE AMBASSADOR'S CONFIDENCE.

The Japanese Ambassador said that Japan had participated in the war almost from its very beginning. When war broke outhin Europe its concussion was felt in the Far East. The German forces in those regions, both military and naval lost no time in showing hostile activities which menaced the interests of Japan's Ally, Great Britain. This being exactly the contingency contemplated in the Angic-Japanese Alliance, Japan's duty at once became clearly defined. She decided to live up to her obligations and to stand by her Ally. (Cheers.) The Germans. had a great advantage in the possession of a fine base of operations in the stronglyfortified territory in Kiau-chou, in China. In this position they were strongly reinforced by considerable numbers of Germans and Austrian reservists, who Britain and Japan was two-fold. First The old rhyme about "two bankrupt-

The Lord Chancellot, in the course of NOT PEACE AT ANY PRICE but at the cost of only 60 cents is yours of look back, on the Napoleonic War as if you try Pinkettes for your Constipation - Biliong attacks, liverisones

forces that they could have been achieved. sometimes in co-operation, and almost in (Cheers.) The country, perhaps, did not complete co-ordination with British or

The Duke of Buccleuch, president of the Navy. It was just as important as After the accomplishment of those two Ritz Hotel recently, " in commemoration involved the most serious risks, would in varied activities in European waters. of Nelson and his comrades and in paver be forgotten; and the work of the where the Union Jack and the Rising Sun

> He heartily joined in paying homage to the memory of the great English Admiral who had made the anniversary so glorious, and nothing could exceed his admiration for the great deeds which the British Navy had accomplished during the three years of the war. The sacred traditions of Nelson and the British Navy, all that this glorious day stood for, were a great earnest of the coming final triumph of the Allied cause. (Loud cheers.)

> > BLUMP IN BANKRUPTCY.

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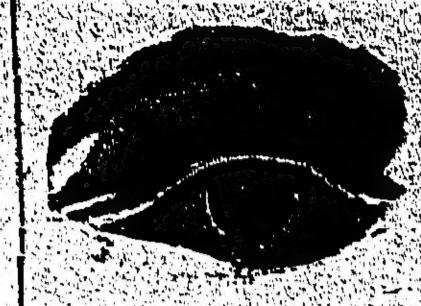
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was reduced, and her father died,

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self." She was out fishing in Start

Bay one afternoon with her little

brother as sole companion in the boat

when she saw in the distance a vesse

their bont was swamped and they

were thrown into the water. Heavy

girl never hesitated for a moment.

Discarding her gear, she put her

boat's nose to the storm and rowed

with might and main. Some of the

crew had gone under by the time she

reached the spot, but the others she

hauled abourd mand then single

handed, she pulled triumphantly to

the shore. To day renown has fallen

Buckingham Palace by the King him-

REPRISALS.

The Bishops of Oxford and Elgare

men for declaiming against reprisals

being carried out against the Huns.

barded with letters from rectories

and vicarages, disclaiming such milk-

and water views. Gradually a know-

Hun be impressed. Even bishops,

like those of Birmingham and Peter-

borough, are for leaving warfare to

Hell, as Mr. Lloyd George has pro-

the declarations of Mr. Bonar Law

and General Smuts. It would not

Ministry filled by General Smuts or

latter has hardly had time to warm

his chair at the Ministry of Muni-

manner, a directness of speech

coupled with a singularly attractive

voice, and I can imagine him as

mans, their distinguished

and laughed loud and long.

and passed on to other topics.

chairman then looked uncomfortable

There was a great war aims meet-

ing at the Albert Hall this week at

which Smuts and Churchill were both

present. Smuts was a speaker and

was one of the long first row of those

chosen to express the views of the

Government. Churchill was not a

speaker and was a second row man,

two facts that apparently peeved him

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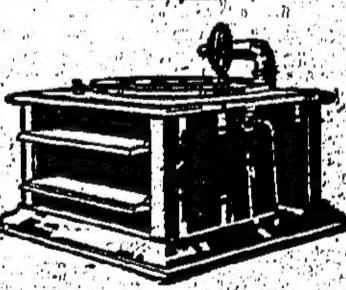
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LONDON, October 25. THE HUNTER'S MOON AND THE ZEPPELIN RAID.

After the lively nights of the Harvest moon when Hun aeroplanes paid us uninvited nocturnal visits, we naturally looked forward with interest to the coming of the Hunter's moon. As I write, it is approaching its full but so far the Germans have less reuson to be satisfied with it than we have. A gallant array of Zeppelins they sent over on Friday night, just seas, were running, but the Devon after the pale sickle of the young moon had vanished. The night was 2407 black as ink, calm and rainless, with stars twinkling in the dim firmament.

Then the telephones rang about

half-past eight to warn us that the nurauders were crossing the east coast, and while one party of five or upon Ella Troite the humble fisher six was making London-ward another girl of the Devon coast, and she is party was making for the Midlands, on a fair way to be decorated at After that things grew 'curiouser and curiouser. We, heard of explosions: on the Lincolnshire coast and then in Hertfordshire, and then for a couple of, hours there was silence, being castigated by their own churchbroken suddenly by a terrific explosion in the London area, at a place well-known to every man who has ever been in London. Lest I give aid and encouragement to the King's enemies I shall not disclose the place but I may add that though it made shocking mess of the glass in the neighbourhood, it failed to do anything likely to help the Germans to

So sudden was this explosion that for the clerics. guns were fired-"because, it trunsthe soldiers are absolutely unanimous pired, our aircraft were up giving that the Germans must be given chase—and no sound was heard from the high heavens. As a cabman mised. Equally decisive have been sufferer said. "It was as quiet as four o'clock in the morning, and then suddenly this thing came whistling be surprising to find the new Air down, with a trail of blue light. "It lit up the street with blue flames and emitted a mass of blue fumes. I felt as if I was being hammered on the

win the war.

ground." Many people who were on their way home from the theatre had narrow escapes, and a few were victims. One man told me be was standing about 150 yards away when 2275 the explosion occurred. He beard something fall ab his feet and on lookin a boot. A lady talking to a friend the chairman, Sir Algernon Firth: some distance away suddenly said "I am hit," and examination showed that her thigh was out to the bone.

Shortly alterwards there were three explosions in the south-eastern outskirts, and after that silence until next day. Then came the news that made the most phiegmatic rush ucross the street to buy papers, for the newsboys were calling that four or five of the Zepps had been brought down in France on their way home. and four others were hemmed in and were limping about in the South

of France. What happened was that they were headed off by our defences and then a gale and a fog, in streaks, put them out of their course. Their engines froze, and when they thought they were over Holland they were really chair forward until it was almost even over France. The invaders of England were routed by the elements, showed all the symptoms of boredom. even as in the days of the Spanish as he listened to other men speaking. Armada. It was a black week-end and when General Smuts spoke, he for Germany, and there is less talk got up and went out. Rather to-day of our good old German instructive as to the Churchill out-God, who has been familiarly claim- look, I think.

during raids have come into promin- to suffer, but every German town is special who went into a restaurant, phlegin will not stand the strain. on the following evening, on being asked whether he would take thick or clear soup, absent-mindedly replied "All clear !"

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tion that may settle the Home Rule juestion. That would not suit the intriguing priests; so for the purposes i keeping the people in mental and moral thruldom they are prepared to brought to the notice of the House sucrifice the interests of the nation. It is a sorry picture, and may have After the war started and fishing bluck, or even bloody, pages in the near future, but the movement is family income in her fishing home

Of what unsubstantial and illogical stuff these Sinn Fein dreams are made, may be judged from this. My Irish friend asked some of them what arrangements they had made for commissariat and lines of communications in the event of a rebel-They had no clear ideas on "But what measures will you he asked, "to protect your coasts if you establish your repub-"Oh;" said the spokesman. promptly. "We shall leave that to the British Navy."

ing contemporary concerning British foreign trade, Mr. J.E. Bingham writes:-. A few comments from one who has spent the last lifteen years in more than usually intimate relations with foreign trade in the Far East may be of some Newspaper offices have been borninterest to those of your readers who, like myself, watch with grave concern the apparently feeble, efforts of our ledge of the Prussian temperament Government to prepare for the bitter has come upon our clerics and they economic struggle which must inevitably now admit that only by force can the follow the end of the war. Until the outbreak of war, and the coming into force of "Trading with the Enemy." the soldiers and sticking to theology Regulations, the Consular officials and the commercial community had nothing most, of us were incredulous. No li that is done, all will be well, for in common. Since the war things have been immensely improved, which goes to show that the fault does not lie with our Consular officials, who, given the opportunity, have shown a resource. energy, and espacity for sustained effort which has surprised everybody, excepting those who knew hew they Mr. Winston Churchill, though the had been shackled. The fault lay with antiquated traditions laid down for them by the Foreign Office, any de. tions. General Smuts has been the greatest success of the war, both as. pature from which meant a reprimendsoldier and speaker. He has a sunve. Here is an instance of the red tape. that binds the service. A merchant approached an out-port consul regarding very dangerous opponent at a cona matter of business connected with ference table. The other day, when | metals, which was practically controlled ing down found it was a human foot he spoke at the Connaught Rooms, by Germans, asking consular assistance with a group of Chinese in which s laid the praise of the guest on with mining concession was involved. The a trowel, and Smuts looked distinctly uncomfortable, for he is a modest consul was unable to do as requested man. When Sir Algernon said that without referring the matter' to his if nobody else could heat the Ger-Consul-General, and this he did. The Consul General referred the matter to could, General Smuts leaned back, the Minister in Peking, who in turn

tion was created to assist trade as far as possible, and they have done yeoman

ed as being in alliance with the But whoever is at the helm reprisals must come soon or the coun-The London citizens who have been try will be definitely angry. Nobody doing duty as special constables wants German women and children ence for the excellence of their work. In war centre and we cannot afford They have done a trying, often bor- to let the Hun smite our towns and ing duty with coolness and good turn to him the other cheek to be humour. It is said that some of smitten. We demand hundreds of them have been so much impressed machines raiding a wide radius of by the cries they give atterance to German territory, every day and during these crises that one overtired then we are convinced the German

IRELAND.

Ireland once more is in the limegrievance. The Sinn Feiners, beyond any doubt supplied with German money and German arms, - have incited the people, of the south-west particularly, to drill and prepare for a rebellion and England is the enemy and Germany the liberator. Many priests and some adventurers, including one De Valera, have this corruption wickedness and blood cuiltiness on their souls, but plotting is in valor, except that many misguided Irishmen may suffer, for their intrigues are known So la have they poisoned the minds of people that muchy simple fisheringu of the west coast are convinced that when their fishing vessels bave gone down, they have been torpedoed the British mot the German sub

OUR FOREIGN TRADE

AN INCIDENT FROM CHINA

In a communication to a London morn-

referred it to the Foreign Office. After many months, a reply was received which for vagueness would have been hard to beat. Long before the reply was received the Germans had the business. Their people being trusted, and having authority, did the necessary on the spot. The fact of the matter is that British trade abroad requires, and its importance just fies, a special departments staffed and controlled by trained commercial men on similar lines to the

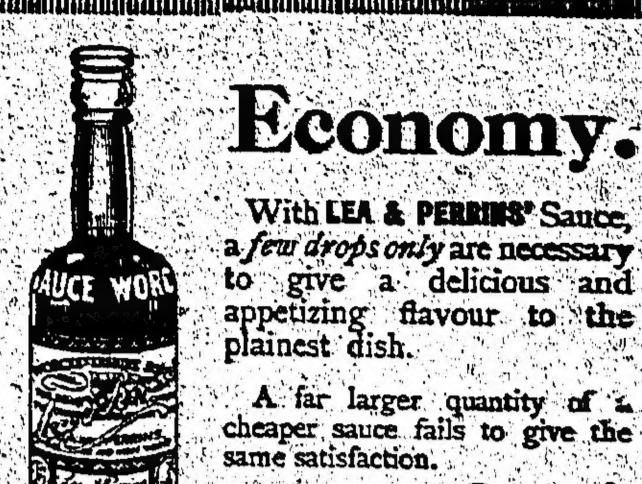
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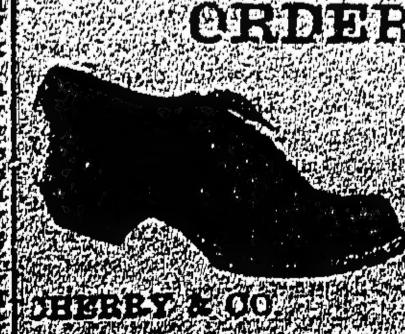
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THE GERMANISATION OF

RUSSIA.

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lientenant, LEON TROTZKY, whose

LENIN'S flight, gave him excep-

tional opportunities for bringing to

bear his plans for the overthrow

of KERENSKY. TROTZKY is spoken

of as "" the Jewish agent of the

German Government." He had been

expelled from France and Spain for

pro-German activities, and was given.

an American passport to return to

Russia inst. March, and, as an

American writer has put it, "America

played directly into the hands of

Germany, when she gave TROTZEY

passport, and when she sent back

to unhappy Russia the horde of

plotting Russians and other 'reds

from the dark corners of New

York, Chicago and other cities.

There is no doubt that LENIN and

his gang cleverly "doped", the world,

for LENIN had been protesting

energetically sgainst what he called

"the slanderous statements spread

by capitalisis against the Bolshevik

Germany. One extract from a state-

ment written by him just before the

Bolshevik revolution reads: "To

us the espitalists of Germany, are

scious, organised movement to place

the Governmental owners of every

belligerent nation in the hands of

the revolutionary proletariat which

alone can restrain the whip-hand of

capitalism." The whole object and

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that the common which the read of the back to the

England

Russia,

To-day's Advertisements

PUBLIC WORKS: DEPARTMENT. NOTIFICATION.

TT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that on the 5th January proximo, at 3 p.m. at the Public Works Department, and before a Committee presided by the Director of the Public Works, TENDERS will be received for the SUPPLY AND LAYING OF PIPES for Canalization

of Salt Water (Extension). The conditions of the tendering, the any mention made of LENIN, the specifications and the plans of canalization are open to the public at reputed leader of the Maximalist or the Public, Works Department and in Bolshevik element in Russian politics. the Portuguese Consulate in Hongkong where they can be examined all week | He is overshadowed by his former

Macso, Public Works Department 18th December, 1917. BAUL M. DE FARIA & MARIA,

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the wide world to defeat his aggreesion, and to exact reparation for the the war correctly. Whatever may prepared some days ago, giving be done in Bussia will not weaken the determination of the rest of the world to go on with the war till Pressianism is finally defeated, and "the world is made safe for demoracy, and we should not be surprised if the latest developments in Russia, and especially the insistence on "fraternis" will contribute something towards that defeat by promoting the inevitable political shanges, both in Germany and Austria. These coun-

LEMIN & previous description of the

KATHER 12 "a crowned robber." It is

the pillage of this crowned marauder

of two thirds of the countries of

NEWS OF THE DAY.

tries may never be Russianise

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

are advertised for Boxing Day, the The Second Army will concentrate on morning, with the unlawful possession gatemoney to be devoted to the Halifax Ichang. The province of Anhui will of a Mauser pistole ... and the Star and Garter Funds. ...

The Dog Show, which was to have been held this month; has been postponed until next March owing to the difficulty in occuring the ground.

appointment as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Petroday the depth of snow was reported as sible however, to definitely ascertain charge of the pistol. If she had known grad Soviet, or Council of Workmen's Soldiers' Delegates after being between four and five inches.

> The total output of the Kailan Administration's mines for the week ending 6th December, 1917, amounted to 69,463 tons, and the sales during the period, to 82,084 tons.

> The police have found in a pawnshop a gentleman's gold watch, by Benson. Anyone who has lost watch of this description should communicate with the Captain Superintend ent of Police. "

A fire recently broke out at Hankow the press packing godowns Messis. Mackenzie & Co. -The estimated loss on cotton burned is Tls 200,000 from which a certain amount of salvage will fall to be deducted. - The following not yet met since leaving the Commoninsurance companies have floating policies | wealth. . They hope to meet sometime, on the various compartments :- The "somewhere in France." The elder. Moji, The Tokio, The Scottish Union: Frank, is a private in an infantry the Liverpool, London and Globe. The regiment: his brother Sydney has Yangtse and The Northern Insurance commission in the Australian Flying Party" to the effect that they were in favour of a separate peace with Coy.

DAMON AND PYTHIAS.

plain pirates, like the capitalists of The magnificent photo-drama, and France. Emperor WILHELM is a crowned "Damon and Pythias," will be given robber, like the rulers of England, its first presentation at the Victoria Italy, Rumania and other nations." Theatre on Monday afternoon. This On the question of a separate peace, spectacular drama, is in five parts. LENIN'S views " have evidently and each scene is one of wondroug changed, but we have yet to hear beauty, the producers having at the whether he still adheres to the view greatest expense and after months building in front of which there is a that the "Emperor WILHELM is of research pictured faithfully Greece Isrge-sized shellhole full of water. crowned robber." No one, but at this period of its power and pomp. feature of the locality. fool would expect Germany to be It is at the era when life is filled prepared for a peace with Russia with the thrill of battle, the games, which would fit in with the atopian the chariot races, the grace of the ideas expressed in the Bolshevik dances, all in scenes, of medieval military programme, as it has been splendour; and through all shining stated by LENIN. A peace such as like a great light the everlasting actually participated in it, my opinions LENIN wants will not be to the story of the friendship of Damon and of no avail. liking of the German rulers. One paragraph of his manifesto is in Pythias, the crucible in which it was these terms: "Finally we must tested and from which it come forth. encourage at once every attempt as gold leaving the world a lesson made by the soldiers on both sides that is as imperishable as the truth S.C... to E., to collect and fir back of the line to fraternise in order it carries. that these instinctive manifestations of solidarity may ripen into a son-

> PANTASTIC STARS AT THE VICTORIA THEATRE.

On Sunday night the Fantastic purpose of the war against Germany Stars will appear by special arrangeis entirely misconceived or deliberately thent at the Victoria Theatre for one cally got my wings and worse luck. interepresented by the German-bought performance, commencing at 9.15 Oycle, etc. at Mosses. Hughes and leaders of the extreme revolutionary Judging from the onthusiastic man socialists of Russia. The assection ner in which the previous prothat the war is waged by capitalists grammes were received there wal in order to increase their profits is undoubtedly be a full house to greet tradiction so the the Alles are or phuspal excellence in promised concerned but we can be quite sure these talented a bits, who lieve cons

HALF-HEARTED MEASURES.

that has brought about a combination The cables from Peking during the last few days show that while the Presidential order to Generals Tso Kwan and Chang Hwai Chee to lead armies wrong he has already done. LEMIN, towards the south still stands, the clothing. TROTZEY and Co. may yet come to President has not yet complied with see that the older democracies of the their request for the issue of the man world have diagnosed the causes of date, which is stated to have been order to attack. The Government, however, has responded to the request for military expenses by making an appropriation of \$1,200,000. The President still clings to the hope. of effecting a peaceful settlement, especially as Luk Wing Ting bas complied with the instruction relinquish the post of Inspector General of Kwangtong and Kwangsi and ha intimated that he is withing to cance the declaration of the independence of the provincesnoal a capacal marriages

Li Shun wished to be relieved of the but LENIN'S methods may quite office of mediator on hearing that troops possibly help to de-Prussianise them had been ordered to proceed south, bu the President, has prepuested him continue his efforts.

A Szechuan telegram reports that Yuhnan troops are attacking Wingchuen. Pikshan, Napkai, and Loochow.

Each army - is to consist of two divisions. The First Army is intended to protect the provinces of Hupeh and also send one brigade to Fukien by sea.

proclamation, dealing with the situation very obstinate and refused to give the in the South which has been signed and police any information as to the person, scaled by the President and the Premier, whom she alleged gave her the pistol, states that "the North and the South or the number of her boat ; have been at variance for years chiefly Defendant in her replies to the to preserve the Republic. Republicanism | Magistrate's questions, stated "that" Snow fell in Peking on the night means complying with the wishes of stranger on board a steamer promised of the 12th inst., and on the following the majority of the people. It is impos- to pay her a few ten cents to take these wishes in China, but the people are it was illegal, she would not have for order. Now that Luk Wing Ting remunerations and Tong Kai Yui have telegraphed that Mr. Dyer Ball imposed on the defenthey are willing to stop hostilities, dant a fine of \$100, and ordered the naturally both sides should stop, but pistol to be confiscated. for fear of bandits, the armies will be maintained." The document has not yet been proclaimed and it is not known whether the other Cabinet Ministers will countersign it.

HONGRONG BOYS AT THE FRONT.

The following, are extracts from the letters of two Hongkong boys, Frank bably be charged. and Sydney Dealy, who went to the Front from Adelaide, South Australia. They were despatched with different Friday. contingents, and although under training at the same time in England, have

France, 14th Oct., 1917. You must not be surprised or worried if letters do not reach you so frequently. We have been continually on the move during the past few days, and no means of despatching letters have been at

In his last letter, Syd tells me that he has obtained his commission; and may possibly be sent to Egypt. Of course he wishes to fly in France to start with. You cannot imaging the awful state of the ground on which we have been fighting. It is simply one mass of shell-holes which, in some cases, develop into dangerous bog-holes. One's feet are never dry for more than a few hours at a time. am at present sitting in one of Fritz's old gun pots-s solid concrete Water in fact, is that predominating

Scattered at various points of the ompass are clusters of tree stumps all that remain of the woods that existed in the days of peace. It is all indeed very horrible, and the end of the war is not yet in sight I did ouce think that the war was nesting its climax but since I have

have changed. However, to grumble is Military Hospital Friday 95th I have been here 10 days now-the suit of a serious crash. I was sent fo a D. H. & Scout (on which I graduated).

tested on the ground. They would not test it in the air. I was sent up on got up to 200 ft., and when going down wind, it was so mose beavy, that the nose went down like a stone. "I hit the ground at 100 to 105 miles an hour made two somersults, and the wreckage of the machine was strewn over a distance. from face cuts and broken until brough here and have also fractured my left hand in three places. I hope to have an was due to France next week. shall be unfit for six weeks now, and am very annoyed about it.

It was very old, and had only been

Remedy to The most distidious are then relieve him of the

NET CONTRACTOR

ILLICIT OPIUM.

A Chinese was arrested yesterday in Wellington Street and 17 tacks of illicit opium were found concealed under his

When brought before Mr. Wood this. morning, defendant admitted possession but stated that the drug had been given him to carry. He could find the man who had given it to him. Mr. Wood adjuurned the case until

o-morrow.

WILFUL DAMAGE.

before Mr. Wood this morning with

considerable damage done to trees lately. He knew both boys who, he said, were yery bad characters.

Mr. Wood fined each defendant \$5, with the option of seven days hard

AN OBSTINATE WOMAN.

An elderly Chinese woman Two interesting football matches Kiangsi and will concentrate on Hankow. charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this

Inspector Brown stated that the The document, in the form of a defendant was a boatwoman. She was

tired of the continuous trouble and look accepted his offer-even for a bigger

ANOTHER CAPTURE.

Another Chinese, making three in all now stands charged, with being concerned in the murder of Wong See, an amah in the service of Mr. N. Jeremiah, at 99 Praya East on the 29th Nov. last. Inspector Terrett applied for a remand

His Worship granted the application,

and the case was adjourned until next

NOT INTENDED FOR HUNGKONG.

A Chinese quarter-master was charged before Mr. Wood this morning, with unlawfully possessing 20 tacks of prepared opium other than Government

It was stated that the opium was found tied around defendant? waist as he was going ashers in a sampan. Defendant's statement was that he bought the drug in Saigon and intended

to take it to Shanghai. Mr. Wood sentenced the defendant to a fine of \$1,500 with the alternative of six months hard labour.

THEFT OF BRASS.

A coolie was charged before Mr. Wood this morning, with the larceny, o a quantity of brass from the Taikoo

Defendant pleaded guilty. It was stated that the brass was found tied around the man's legs as ke was leaving the yard.

Mr. Leo. d'Almada who appeared to defend the prisoner, requested His Worship to take a lenient view of the offence. The defendant had a wife and two children dependent on him. He had been taking opium recently and got into bad company. He had been in the service of the Dockyard for a year and a half, and during that time he had

borne a good character." Mr. Wood sentenced the defendant to one month's hard labour.

EXPORTING SILVER DOLLARS. A Chinese was brought before Mr.

of 3 yds., I suffered considerable pain Dyer Ball this morning on the charge. of attempting to export 90 silver dollars to Canton without a permit It was stated that the money was found in a waist band tied about

> defendants person when he was arrested at Kin Hing Whart yesterday.

GARAGE: OWNER FINED

An Indian money-lender named Ojagar Singh, the proprietor of the O. S. Motor Garage at Kowloon and Wanchai, was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with deliberately disobeying the warning of the Police to obtain a licence for the naptha which he stocked in his premises at Wanchat for the use of motor care.

Inspector Terrett stated it was merely a waste of time to make the defendant understand the offence. He had to the Act, despite the adverse criticisms bluster before he could make defendant take out a licence for his stock of napths at his garage at Kowloon. Defendant means behind that of the Army and had been over two months in his new premises at Wanchai, and, in spite of Two Chinese youths were charged Police warnings, he had taken no steps to procure the necessary licence. wilfully damaging the trees in the fendant had about ten American gallons grounds of the French Sanitorium at of naptha in his Hongkong garage, and if a fire broke out there he, the inspector, A French priest who appeared to would be held responsible for a not rosecute, stated that there had been making defendant take out a heence.

naptha in his garage in Hongkong, so operated with the Allies in China and the

very serious. He would fine defendant

CIGARETTE AND TOBIGOD FUND.

The following is the Subscription List Acknowledged to 30th Oct., Since received :-Members/Kowloon Customs Staff, per Mr. O. D. Gander ... \$ 26.00

M. S. S. Bub. for Nov. to December ... Mr. F. G. Becke for Oct. to November. 40.00 A.W. for Nov. to December Premature Peace Prophets Peralty Members Kowloon Customs Staff, per Mr. A. F. Reynolds

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W. A. DOWLEY, Hon. Sec. & Tressprer

THE CHANNEL-TUNNEL

Describing at the annual meeting of the Society of British Gas Industries at the Trocsdera the proposed Channel Tuneel Mr. Samuel Cutler, jun., said it The plea put for variety the Calend was compated that it spends in 1925. WHEN your child has shouth a formula apout the period in 1925. When your child has shouth a formula apout the period in 1925. When your child has shouth a formula apout the period in 1925. When your child has shouth a formula apout the period in 1925. When your child has shouth a formula apout the period in 1925. When your child has shouth a formula apout the period in 1925. When your child has shouth a formula apout the period in 1925. When your child have

JAPAN'S SHIPPING CONTROL!AUT.

STATEMENT BY THE YICE-

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS.

The new Shipping Control Act of Japan is already having boneficial effects. according to Mr. K. Uchida, Vice-Minister of Communications. In an article written for the "Kokumin Shimbun," Mr. Uchida declares present circumstances testify to the opportuneness of

recently advanced in some quarters. The usefulness to a nation of mercantile marine during war time is by so Navy, as is tacitly proved by the present world campaign. Not only the belligerents, but also neutrals have thus legislated for the control of their respective shipping. Their principal object was to extend the scope of Government control over the mercaritile marine is order to expedite war operations, and simultaneously contribute to their own wellare.

BELF-BACRIFICING PEFORTS!

The loss to the world's shipping due Defendant said he had only a little already put at eight million tons. Since the outhreak of the war, Japan has cohe did not see the necessity of procuring South Sees. Although she has much to do in the Pacific, she has greatly secrificed herself in the direction of Europe, His Worship said the matter was especially in regard to overseas trains-

The effects of the war on Japan's mercantile marine are the sale or chartering ing of Japanese ships to Europe on one hand, and a considerable reduction of foreign ships coming to Japanese waters on the other. These tendencies have caused no small mnessiness as to Japan's national life. A congestion of freight at home in consequence of the remarkable progress of various industrick since the outbreak of the war, bee made the Shipping Act yet more design able. At this juncture, shipping tonns in Japan has become scarcer, as she was compelled to export her articles harried ly, in view of a threatened blockade of mercantile traffic between Europe and America. A remedy more urgently required was in regard to the rising of freight rates, due to the scarcity of botsome. It caused the cost of coal to ge up exorbitantly, thereby badly affecting the productive industries.

THE SHIPPING ACT INSTITUTE. The Japanese merchants concerned urgently requested the Government to devise some remedy or other to relieve the situation. Simultaneously, the

Allies repeatedly approached Japan for a supply of bottoms. Under these circumstances, the Government had no way open but to enact the recent Act, in order to accomplish her duty se one of the Entente Powers, to normalize Japan's own shipping traffic and to relieve national fears. Moreover, the U.S. embargo on shipbuilding materials, also, compelled Japan to promulgate the afore mentioned regulations. GREAT REDUCTIONS ALREADY FORGED.

The Shipping Control Act gives the Minister of Communications full powers of shipping administration, but thr authorities concerned would endeavou to avoid compulsory measures as faas possible, as to the allotment of lines, freight and charter rates, etc. Not so many days have elapsed since the enforcement of the Act, but the charter rate of 47 yen in August has already declined to 41 yen in September and 38 yen in October, the lowest rate this month being 23 year while even the highest is less than 30 yen. The freight rate for coal between Moji and Yokohams went down to 7.30 year from 11 year in September and 10 yen in October. Cargo congested in various places once exceeding 400,000 tons, has now declined to 200,000 tons. Shipping prices also fell to 600 from 800 yen. The Government is new paying special attention to the satisfactory distribution of bottoms, especially for the India trade, in regard to the settlement of the relative amounts

of exports and imports. Some parties have suffered from the decline of shipping prices, charterage and freight rates, but this is unavoidable, as the present is a transitory period. A normal state will be established all mound in due course."

SPORTING.

LEAGUE FOOTBALL

H.K.F.C. v. MIDDLESEX REGT.

A match is to be played on the Club ground at 4 p.m. to-morrow :- H.K.F.C. Tesm .- Goldenberg; Cave, McCubbin; Reichelman, Stewart; Rodgers; McTavish; Chassels, Gerrard, Irving and Stalker

CRICKET

H.R.C.C. V. UNITED SERVICES.

The following side will represent the Club in the above match on Christmas. Day and Loxing Day : play commencing at 2 p.m. on the 25th and 10 s.m. on the 813.86 \$24,588.99 26th :- T. E. Pearce (Captain) K. Beayshay, P. H. Cobb. D. E. Donnelly, P. W. Hamilton, R. Kennedy, M. M. Mass. G. E. Marley, H. E. Muriel, R. Ponsonby Fane, and J. Stalker:

> C.C.O. v. R.C.A. League fixture to be played to-morrow on the C.C.C. ground at 3 p.m - C.C.C. Peam : A.W. Grimmett, J. 8. Graham L. A. Rose, D. D. Neris, M. H. Abbee, D. K. Kharas, F. Rapp, F. Schuepel, T. Ford, F. S. Thompson, and R. Bass.

WHOOPING COUCH. WHEN your child has been the

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from Page 1.)

BRITAIN'S WAR AIMS.

DISCUSSION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, Dec. 19. In the House of Commons, replying to speeches by Sir William Collins and Mr. Ponsopby, demanding a clearer statement of the Allies" war nims, Mr. Ballour emphasised that the great aims for which they were unselfishly fighting had been drequently, consistently and lucidly expressed. What was desirable at December 15, state; present was not so much discussion of the war aims as war methods. The energing on of the war was the immediate and all-essential thing. The broad objects of the avar were mever doubtful but the very magnito stros the tunner run of the sorts of without side issues constantly arising.

Mr. Balloug dealt with Mr. Ponsonby's allegation that our nims are mot disinterested, as shown by the agreement with Russia regarding Constrintinople. Mr. Baltour des chared that what the late Government did in this connection was sholutely justified in the circumretances. . Italy properly deserved a re-arrangement of territory in her Evour. The Government had never been aware that any French states. man had seriously entertained the sides of cutting off a bit of Germany is order to form an independent buffer State between France and

Germany. Mr. Ballour contrasted the exposition of our war aims with the enemy's studied, silence, and conchided with a stinging castigution of Mr. Ponsonby," Commander Wedgewood followed

"Mr. Balfour. He declared that America was the main support of the Allies and our terms must be bound by President Wilson's acceptance of them. There should be a eleser union of our aims with those of the United States and a statemens to this effect would not merely splif the German nation from top to postom, but would increase the moral. of the British people.

that our" war aims were being in of December 14. " " .creased in favour of plutocracy."

Mr. McCreedy said that the people I ten sailors who are missing: were suspicious, not that the Government was going too far but that it was not going fur enough. "-

After speeches by many others, including the Rt. Hon. W. Runci-

man, Lord Robert Cecil replied. Replying to the charge made by Mr. C. P. Trevelyan that Government had not attempted to discover the German terms, Lord Robert Cecil said that there was scarcely unyone who had spoken in the House of Commons, who had not asked the Germans to state their terms. Mr. Asquith had done repeatedly, and not a word of reply had been received. Referring to the year. criticisms of Sir Edward Carson, the Rhine which he thought had ber, 1916 and October 1917, after been completely cleared up. Edward Carson, did not intend to suggest anything in advance of the Government's general policy regarding Alsace and Lorraine. Further, he did not advocate an economic war! after the war, but there would be a world shortage of raw materials after the war, and the great mass of raw material was controlled by Great Britain and the Alling It could not be expected that we should go short of raw materials, after the war, order to supply Germany. There was nothing vindictive about that. Lord Robert Cecil said he was con- may not be sold mixed with unconvinced that the British public would not permit the abandonment of any undertakings we bad given to our Allies. He agreed that besides victory, we must have security for a lasting settlement. It had been auggested that the principal precaution was the establishment of a League of Mations. He would not remain a member of a Government which did not make a League of National after new German War Loan issued to the the war, one of its main objects. But they must begin with a partner. Loan for the easy terms allow you simple ship of these nations whom they

Germany was an urterly inistaken

THE ITALIAN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 19. An Italian official message states After violent efforts to advance to the south from Col Caprile to Mount. Pertica, the enemy only succeeded in gaining advantages at Mount Aholone, Nevertheless, we took 100

Our naval forces prevented enemy attempt to cross the Vecchia

SUBMARINE PIRACY.

BRITISH SHIPPING RETURNS.

LONDON, Dec. 20 The Admiralty unnounces that the shipping returns for the week ending Arrivals 2,461 "Wessels sunk (over 1.600"

Versels sunk funder 1,600 Vessels, unsuccessfully uttacked, Fishing vessels sunk

FRENCH SHIPPING RETURNS.

Paris, Dec., 20. The shipping returns for the week ending December 15, state: -Departures 892

Vessels sunk (over 1.000 tons) Vessels sunk (under 1,600 tona) Vessels unsuccessfully attacked

ITALIAN SHIPPING RETURNS.

ROME, Dec. 20. The shipping returns for the week ending December 15, statet-Arrivals 884 Departures 333 Vessels sunk (sailing ships over 100 tons) Vessels sunk (sailing ships

under 100 tons) OLD FRENCH CRUISER SUNK

ALSO THE SUBMARINE WHICH

SANK HER

LONDON, Deg. 19. A. French naval communique states that the old cruiser Chateau Renault Lord Cavendish Bentinck said that which had been utilised as a transif the people were losing their moral port, was torpedoed and sunk by a papers on Boxing Day. it was entirely due to the suspicion German submarine, on the morning

All on board were saved, excepting

The submarine was destroyed.

LOSSES OF SHIPS AND SUBMARINES.

LONDON, Dec. 20. An official diagram shows British, Allied and neutral merchant tonnage losses, quarterly, from the reads:beginning of 1916 to dute.

The quarterly losses progressively rose between the period from the end of September 1916 to the end of June 1917, after which they sharply declined, being now below the losses for the corresponding period last

Another Diagram shows that the Lord Robert Cecil said that it was number of German submarines sunk the old story about the west bank of has risen progressively between Octowhich the rate is stutionary:

The calculations are based on absolote knowledge.

THE PRICE OF TEA AT HOME.

LONDON, Dec. 21. The Food Ministry announces that from December 81, the maximum prices of tea will be as follows:

Class A, 2/4 per pound. Class B, 2/8 to 8/- per pound. Class I, 8/- to 8/4 per pound (ur to 8/8 in Ireland):

Class D, 8/8 per pound. Uncontrolled, 2/8 per pound. From January 15 controlled tea trolled tea and if controlled tea of two grades is mixed, the mixture

THE BILVER MARKET.

must be sold at the price of the lower

LONDON, Dec. 21. The Silver Market is quiet.

The latest announcement regarding the German Press reads as follows : You need no money to subscribe to the War time. You can reckon what amount of modey you will carn in the following regarded worthy to enter it. The weeks and months. Dednet from that idea that a League of Nations could the cost of living, and then you will see what you can lear to the Fatherland Therefore subscribe. This lemisticable exhortation is printed right across a full page in all the landing papers.

AMERICAN IRISHMEN'S MESSAGE

Curcado, Dec. 19. The Irish Fellowship Club, the largest Irish organisation in Chicago, has adopted a declaration which will be forwarded to Ireland, after submission to all Irish' organisations in America, stating that any Irishman seeking to emburnss any Ally in the conduct of the war, commits an act of open hostility to the United

TO IRELAND

GENERAL LEMAN RELEASED.

ZURICH, Dec. 20.

General Leman, the defender Germany und is due here.

AN EXPLOSIVES FACTORY WRECKED.

explosion wrecked the buildings of nn-explosive works to the northward of London

There were no fatulities,

THE NEW PORTUGUESE REGIME RECOGNISED.

Paris, Dec. 20. Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium have recognised the net Portugueso régime.

FOOD CONTROL IN THE UNITED KINGDOM.

. London, Dec. 20. Lord Rhondda, the Food Controlfer, is arranging to fix, in January, muximum prives for various grades of home livestock. He also imposes, from the new year, one mentless day a week on which no cooked or uncooked meat shall be sold, and proposes to limit retail sales, after January 13, to three quarters of the October sales.

THE FRANCHISE BILL.

LONDON, Dec. 20. The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Representation of the People Bill.

A NEWSPAPER HOLIDAY!

Ed Ja London Dec. 19. No newspapers will be published on Christmas Day and no evening

IRISH PATRIOT'S WILL.

killed in France on June 7th last, has left personal property in England and Ireland of the value of £4.018. By" will dated January 22nd, 150%, he gives everything he may die possessed of to period of cold and snow to make al ness of my life," and he desired to be and, thereafter victoriously, counter buried in the old family vault of St. John's Church at Wexford. A codicil December, 1916, on active service

"If I should discabroad I will give my wife my last thoughts and love, and ask her to pray that we may meet hereafter. of little value. should like all my friends in Ireland to know that in joining the Irish Brigade and going to France I sincerely believe. as all the Irish soldiers do, that I was doing what was best for the welfare of Ireland in every way."

AMERICA'S LIBERTY MOTOR.

. The American Secretary of War has made the following statement;
The "United States aviation engine" has passed its final tests "They were successful and gratifying. The new motor, designated by the Signal Service as the "liberty-motor," is now the main reliance of the United States in th mpid production in large numbers of high-powered battle planes for services in the war. In power, speed service ability, and minimum weight the new engine invites comparison with the best

that the European war has produced. I regard the invention and rapid de velopment of this engine as one of the really big accomplishments of the United States since its entry in the war. The engine was brought about through the co-operation of more than a score of engineers who pooled their skill and trade secrets in the war emergency working with the encouragement of the Aircraft Production Board, the War Department, and the Bureau of Standards.

AMERICAN SUBMARINE SUNK

AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19. The American submaring P I was rammed and sunk by submarine F 8 in were drowned

BARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE AIR RAID. ABOUT 20 MACHINES PARTICIPATE

LONDON, Dec. 19. "It is officially announced that sixteen probably begun. to twenty aeroplanes participated in the . An extraordinary situation exists at

suffered the same fate.

Kent coast and three other groups crossgunfire turned back most of them. About route dispersed themselves in the houses. five reached London and dropped bombs The latest, news from Odessa states between seven and eight o'clock. After that the Ukrainians are extending the

raider flew over London at nine o'slock disarming and removing Maximalists One raider was hit by gunfire and troops from the province of Kieff. came down off the Kent coast. Two of the crew were captured alive by an

It is supposed that another came down in the Channel. One of our pilots. attacked and fired two drums of tons), ammunition into a raider as the latter ras bombing London from wheight of All our seroplanes returned.
The casualties and damage in London

have not as yet been received. Bombs were also dropped in Kent and Essex.

THE CASUALTIES

It is officially announced that tex were killed and seventy the ured, in London, and five were injured elsewhere. The material damage is not serious. There were several fires, but no naval or military damage.

BRITISH NAVAL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITIES.

LONDON, Dec. 19. The Admiralty appounces that Naval aircraft bombed, yesterday afternoon, Engel aerodrome and a dump. Severa bombs burst over the car sheds of the aerodrome and several direct hits were secured on the dump and rail sidings. One enemy seroplane was shot down

in fismes; suother came down uncon-All our machines returned.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

RAIDS REPULSED.

LONDON, Dec. 19. Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig

We drove off raiders south-cestward and north-eastward of Passchendesle securing prisoners.

ENEMY REINFORCEMENTS. PARIS, Dec. 19. A semi-official statement confirms the fact that there are 154 German Divisions

on the Western Front. It states :- "The enemy continues to bring up reinforcements of youths and Major William Redmond (brother of specialised detachments of artillery, the Irish Nationalist leader, who was aeroplanes, war material and supplies from the Eastern Front. Nevertheless the Allies maintain a marked squeriority in all respects. They are utilising the his wife, " to whom I owe all the happi- dispositions necessary to resist an attack

> There are still Il3 enemy Divisions on the East Front, of which 77 are German and 33 are Austrian; compared with 137 in September, but these are

THE ITALIAN PRONT.

LONDON, Dec. 19. German cofficial communiqué that the Austro-Hungarians stormed Monte Asolone and the adjoining positions. They captured over 2,000 prisoners.

Italian attacks eastward of Monte Solarolo broka dowa.

471 47 22 F 216 127 F 444 1819 4 19 THE ARMIES IN GREECE

SENERAL SARRAIL PROMOTEI

The newspapers state that General Serrail has been recalled and appointer to a higher post, Hebers! Gmillanni increeding him he soo in now held to It is reported that the Frenc Communiting the Squadron in the Argean Hea has been replaced by Rear-Admiral Fature

THE CANADIAN PLECTIONS.

TRIAL OF COURAGE AND SEEP-SACRIFICE

OTTAWA, Dec. 19. Sir Robert Borden, in a statement or the recent elections, ways :- "The people of Cariada fully realised and have splendidly fulfilled their duty. The Union Government will have a majority of at least fifty, which the soldiers vote may increase to sixty or more." Sir Bobert Borrien says it is not a parties victory. He pays a tribute t a log in the Home waters. Nineteen the Liberals who except those in Quebec, worked strongously with the Conservatives. "It was a notable test

THE BEST COUCH MEDICINE

devotion and untild sacrifice form a captring staker, kippers to, and lock law or blood prison varieties

(HAMBERLAIN'S Court Remerly is called upon to as whether Canada's varieties captring stakers in the largest selling court-medicine affort in the world to day because it does this involved Computers Malifary request you as anything to the largest selling court-medicine affort in the war about does maintained to the largest selling court-medicine affort in the war about does maintained to the largest selling court-medicine affort in the war, about does maintained to the largest selling court-medicine affort in the war about does maintained to the largest selling court-medicine affort in the war about does maintained to the largest selling court-medicine affort in the war about does maintained to the largest selling court-medicine affort in the war about to the largest selling court-medicine affort in the court-medicine affort in the court-medicine affort in the court-medicine and selling court-medicine affort in the captring when the court-medicine affort in the captring when the court-medicine affort in the captring when the captr of Democracy The Canadian Geople

CIVIL WAR IN RUSSIA.

SPREADING NORTHWARD.

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19. Civil war is spreading northward along the Volga from Astrakhan to Hamais The Maximalists occupy Astrakhan and the Comoks are twenty versts from there and fighting has

Tharitaim, where neither the Maximalista One was brought down and fell into | nor the Cossacks have a mastery. Both the sea, and it is probable that another were beaten by the Bioderinites, who advanced against them, singing "Save, Three groups of raiders crossed the Lord, thy people."

The Arenburg Cossacks, commanded ed the Essex coust, between 6-10 and by General Dutoff, are advancing against 6-45. All flew towards London. Our Hamara. The Maximalist garrisons on the main attack terminated, a single possession of the town, and are also

GERMAN CONFERENCES.

A CONCESSION TO THE SOCIALISTS.

April 18 - The Control of the Control COPENHAGEN Dec. 1916 Count Hertling and Dr. von Kuehlmann conferred at the Main Headquarters with the Kaiser and Field Marshall ton Hindenburg and General

A meeting of the leaders of the Reichstag parties, including the Independent Socialists, who have never previously participated in such a meeting, will be neld so-morrow to discuss the Russo-Herman peace.

THE CONDITIONS OF THE ARMISTICE

LONDON, Dec. 19. The Daily News' Correspondent at Petrograd says the principal conditions obtained by the German in the armistice are their rights in trade. It is believed they will endeavour to organise the railways and transport and will re-establish commercial relations. They may organise the Russian Army against the Ukrainians, who are reported contemplating a union with the Caucasus and Siberia, and proclaiming the Grand

Duke Michael as Monarch, CONTROL OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY,

LONDON, Dec. 19. Reuter's Correspondent at Petrograd states that the Commissioners have formed a Council of National Economy. empowered to confiscate, requisition, sequestrate and syndiculise the different

branches of trade and industry. A MEETING OF WAR PRISONERS."

LONDON, Dec. 19. The Pravila publishes an account of the meeting of war prisoners at Moscow. It was opened by the Maximalist, M. Shklofsky, and speeches were delivered in German. Hungarian, etc., and s resolution was passed that the bloody war was in the interests of capitalists

against the workers and peasants. OVERSEAS TRADE.

NEW DEPARTMENT

CONSTITUTED. LONDON, Dec. 19. It is officially, announced that a new Commercial Intelligence Department has been constituted and will be known as the Department of Oversess Trade (Development and Intelligence).

Sir William Clark has been appointed Controller-General and Mr. F. G. Butler: formerly of the Colonial Office, Director of the Overseas Division.

M. "CAILLAUX.

PARIS Dec. 19. Parliamentary Commission favours the withdrawal of the Parlis mentary immunity of M. Caillaux.

CONDEMNED FOR ESPIONAGE

OFFICIAL WARNING AGAINST INNOCENT LETTERS.

The condemnation of Hollanders charges of espionage is the subject of circular which has been sent to the Queen's Commissioners in the various provinces by the Minister for the

Mr. Cort wan der Linden says :- "The Minister for Foreign Affairs has called my attention to the fact that of late sentences have been passed on numerous Datch subjects in Belgium and Germany on charges of espionage and other actions declared punishable by the German authorities. The sentences inflicted for these offences are very heavy. Thus espiomes (including the conveyance of spoken or written message) is punished by death, whilst in less serious cases imprisonment for life is inflicted.

beving, as a result of the steps taken by

the Minister, been commuted into im-

prisonment for life.

"It appears from information received that by far the majority of the people who were thus punished, were absolutely uncoracious of having been guilty of a serious offence, and that the apparently harmless written or spoken messages conceal important cepienare sepurtant "As, however, the Court Martial even in such cases amposes heavy sentences, sufficient emphasis campot be laid on the danger to which Dutch subjects in Belgium and Germany expose themselves. by communicating with people whom they do not know to be absolutely

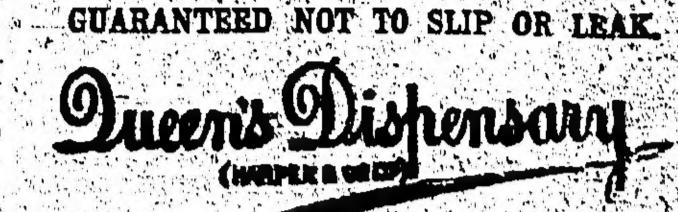
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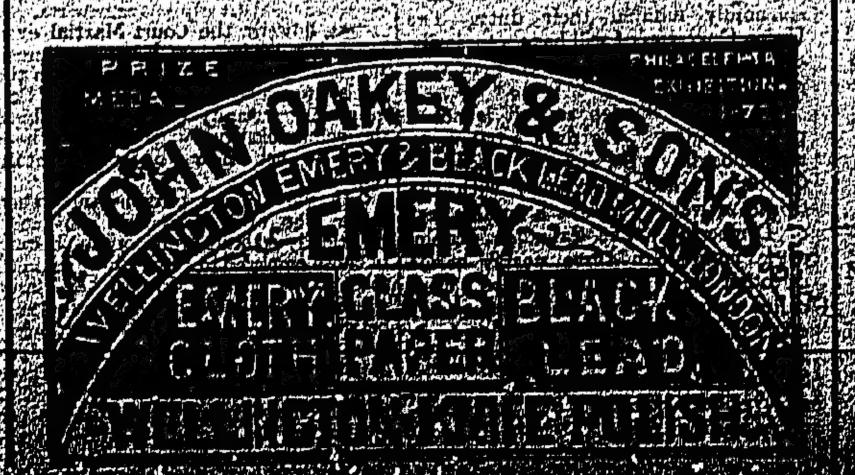
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Delhi, November 15 .- A memorandam by the Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India on the present aspect of the prevalence of plague in India has been issued. The memorandum states that in no year since 1904 has the plague mortality of India in the month of October exceeded

in India during the last twenty years," continues the memorandum, "leads one to expect a steady rise in plague the famous phrase about the Vicercy mortality from October to March or being the agent of the Secretary of Mr and Mrs R. Mrs Mitchall State. Writing in 1976 with reference Braddell Mr and Mrs A. S. At first sight, then, the outlook is bargaining, he said that the Cabinet Mr and Mrs A. J. Mr J. S. Nicolson with Russia on a basis of Central Asian Mr. W. G. Browell Mr A. J. Mr J. S. Nicolson with Russia on a basis of Central Asian Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr J. S. Nicolson with Russia on a basis of Central Asian Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr J. S. Nicolson with Russia on a basis of Central Asian Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr J. S. Nicolson with Russia on a basis of Central Asian Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr J. S. Nicolson with Russia on a basis of Central Asian Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr J. S. Nicolson with Russia on a basis of Central Asian Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr. J. S. Nicolson Wan Bringham Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr. J. S. Nicolson Wan Bringham Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr. J. S. Nicolson Wan Bringham Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr. J. S. Nicolson Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. A. J. Mr. J. S. Nicolson Wan Bringham Mr. W. G. Browell Mr. Mr. A. J. Mr. J. S. Nicolson Mr. W. G. Browell Mr not quite as serious as it appears to be. The Bombay Presidency has contributed for October, 1917. Outbreaks of plague in this area usually reach their height all developments. though the distribution of the disease reassuring feature of the situation is the present limited distribution of infection talked of the National Congress as Mr. V. Goulbourn Mr. G. C. Reifel rapidly becoming a great power.

Prince spoke with very simple and under the National Congress and under the National Mr. J. C. Ginder Mr. F. Reichelman talked of the National Congress as Mr. V. Goulbourn Mr. G. C. Reifel rapidly becoming a great power. districts of the United Provinces. Of the six hundred plague deaths reported from the Punjab in October five hundred occurred in Rawalpindi. The conditions would be relatively satisfactory in these parts of India were not the atmospheric humidity at present being reported so appreciably in excess of the normal. Excessive humidity in the winter months in the Punjab and the United Provinces has been the invariable precursor of severe plague epidemics.

The distribution of injection in the east of the United Provinces indicates an outbreak of rather more than average intensity in the districts surrounding Bellia and in the adjoining districts of Bibar. There are also indications of an outbreak of some severity in the Jhansi district, a part of India that has suffered very little from plague in the past. Hyderabad is experiencing a more severe outbreak than that of last year. Here the conditions are unlikely to show any practicable. marked improvement before January.

The most uncertain factors in the situation are-the prevailing conditions in the Central India and Rajputana Native States. In Central India, where the disease is widespread, the outbreak has probably reached its height. In Rajputana, where the disease is very much more prevalent than ever before at this time of the year, each epidemic except one has attained its maximum intensity in March or April. The climatic. conditions that have been experienced this year in Rajputana are so abnormal as to render any attempts at a forecast more than usually bazardous; but it can be said that the plague outlook there. gives occasion for anxiety. It is sure

'To sum up, the present plague out look in India is black but, provided that the cold weather months in the Punjab and the United Provinces be not characterised by atmospheric humidity appreciably in excess of the normal, it is unlikely that India will experience anything approaching a repetition of the disastrous outbreaks of 1804.05 1906-07, and 1910-11:"

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letters to Lord Minto with occasional Mr C. F. Baker

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Forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon on the 22nd December :-1. Hongkong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, moderate to fresh; fine. 2.—Formosa Channel: N. winds, atrong.

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